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SUBJECT: APPARENT DISINFORMATION EFFORT IN EGYPT AGAINST
U.S.

REFS: (A) CAIRO 3081; (B) STATE 39056 (TOSEC 20175)

1. WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER KNOWLEDGE THAT
PURPORTED DOCUMENT WAS ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTED BY USIS/ATHENS,
AND OTHER POINTS NOT COVERED IN ROSE AL YUSUF STORY, ARE
OF SUFFICIENT PUBLIC CURRENCY THAT THEY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED
DIRECTLY IN EMBASSY STATEMENT. OUR CONCERN WAS THAT WE
SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGING WIDER PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAN AL-
READY EXISTS. IF YOU ARE SATISFIED ON THIS POINT, AND
STILL BELIEVE NECESSARY TO USE THE FULLER STATEMENT CON-
TAINED IN YOUR REFTEL, DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN YOUR DECISION
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(SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES PER FINAL PARA BELOW).

2. DEPARTMENT (SOBER, NEA) HAS NOW BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
FORMER ASSISTANT TREASURY SECRETARY PARSKY WHO TELLS US
HE IS UNAWARE THAT ANY TREASURY OFFICIAL PARTICIPATED IN
ANY DISCUSSION IN DETROIT IN 1976 OF THE TYPE ALLEGED IN
PURPORTED USIS/ATHENS PRESS RELEASE. DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO

ASCERTAINED FROM DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB THAT NO SUCH DISCUSSION ON EGYPT WAS HELD THERE IN 1976. WE WILL BE CONTINUING

OUR INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT FACTUAL BASIS, IF ANY, THERE WAS FOR THE FABRICATION CONTAINED IN THE ALLEGED USIS RELEASE.

3. DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO CHECK TEXT OF YOUR PROPOSED STATEMENT WITH YEO, WHO AT THIS MOMENT IS IN TRAVEL STATUS. TO AVOID POSSIBLE PROBLEMS ON PRIVACY GROUNDS, WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING CHANGES:

FIRST 2 SENTENCES OF SECOND PARA SHOULD READ:

"DURING HIS TENURE AS UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS FROM AUGUST 1975 TO JANUARY 1977, MR. YEO NEVER MADE A SPEECH ON EGYPT BEFORE ANY GROUP. ON MARCH 24 1976, MR. YEO WAS IN FACT IN WASHINGTON, D.C."

SUBSEQUENT SENTENCE SHOULD READ:

"MR. YEO HAS NEVER SPOKEN BEFORE THE DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB ON ANY SUBJECT."

WE SUGGEST THAT THIRD SENTENCE FROM END READ:

"IN ADDITION, THE CONTENT, FORMAT, AND CURIOUS METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION (BY MAIL FROM ATHENS) ALL ATTEST TO THE QUESTIONABLE ORIGIN OF THE DOCUMENT AND THE MOTIVATION OF THOSE
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